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Applicant: Mark R. Ferdinand et al. ) MAR02162P0010USUS  
Serial No.: 10/755,046 ) Group Art Unit: 3632  
Filed: January 9, 2004 ) Examiner: Tan Le  
For: SUPPORT DEVICE ) Confirmation No. 8671

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner For Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

The Examiner's Statement regarding his reasons for allowance of the above-captioned application refers to independent claims 1 and 5 and also refers to certain claimed "distinct features," such as a plate and ribs to limit the rotation of the shaft. Applicants wish to make it clear that independent claim 5 does not set forth and require some of the features discussed by the Examiner in his Statement of Reasons for Allowance. For example, independent claim 5 does not set forth, among other things, a plate or ribs to limit the rotation of the shaft. There are also other features discussed by the Examiner which are not set forth or required by independent claim 5.

Respectfully submitted,

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